In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph after page 8, line 11:

Figure 7 illustrates a program storage device coupled to a computer, in accordance with the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 67, line 21 as follows:

It will be appreciated that, although specific embodiments of the invention have been described herein for purposes of illustration, various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. In particular <u>as shown in Figure 7</u>, it is within the scope of the invention to provide a computer program product or program element, or a program storage or memory device <u>16</u> such as a solid or fluid transmission medium, magnetic or optical wire, tape or disc, or the like, for storing signals readable by a machine, for controlling the operation of a computer <u>12</u> according to the method of the invention and/or to structure its components in accordance with the system of the invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 68, line 11 as follows:

Further, <u>the program storage or memory device 16 includes a program of instructions 18 such that</u> each step of the method may be executed by executing the <u>program of instructions 18</u> on ~~any general~~ <u>a processor 14 of the</u> computer <u>12</u>, such as an IBM System 390, AS/400, PC or the like ~~and pursuant to~~<u>, said program of instructions 18 being</u> one or more, or a part of one or more, program elements, modules or objects generated from any programming language, such as C++, Java, Pl/1, Fortran or the like. And still further, each said step, or a file or object or the like

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implementing each said step, may be executed by special purpose hardware or a circuit module

such as the processor 14 designed for that purpose.